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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: SWEL TBIO PORG LA US
SUBJECT: LPDR EXPECTATION OF DDT DELIVERY FROM UNITED STATES

1. ACTING WHO REPRESENTATIVE IN LAOS INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER JUNE 8 THAT DR. KHAMKEO, CHIEF OF PLANNING OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH, HAD TOLD HIM THAT DR. PETER BOURNE, DURING HIS VISIT TO VIENTIANE AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN GENEVA, HAD INDICATED USG WILLINGNESS TO GIVE LPDR 1200 TONS OF DDT (WORTH \$1.5 MILLION AT WORLD PRICE) FOR 1978.

2. WHO REP SAID THAT LAO REQUIREMENT FOR DDT IN 1978 WOULD RUN TO ABOUT 200 TONS. HE HAD INDICATED TO THE LAO THAT THE REQUIREMENT FOR THAT YEAR MIGHT BE 600 TONS BUT ADMITTED THAT THIS ESTIMATE DID NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT SOME AREAS OF LAOS WERE INACCESSIBLE TO GOVERNMENT.

3. I KNOW THAT DR. BOURNE MADE NO SUCH OFFER DURING HIS VISIT IN VIENTIANE AND SUSPECT THAT THERE IS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF WHO REP'S INFORMANTS. HOWEVER, IF LPDR FAILS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ITS NORMAL SUPPLIER IN THE EXPECTATION OF A UNITED STATES GIFT THAT DOES NOT MATERIALIZE, THE RESULT COULD BE
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CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT AND CONFUSION. QUESTION IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY REPORT (HONG KONG 6503) THAT STAUFFER FAR EAST LIMITED DESIRES APPROACH LAO TO DISCUSS SALE OF DDT BY MONTROSE CHEMICAL OF CALIFORNIA.

4. I THINK I SHOULD PROBABLY TRY TO HEAD OFF PROBLEMS

HERE BY CONTACTING DR. KHAMLIENG PHOLSENA AND ASKING
HIM WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT. HOWEVER, TO AVOID
FURTHER CONFUSING WHAT SEEMS TO BE A CONFUSED
SITUATION, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO HAVE FIRST ANY COMMENT
DR. BOURNE MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT PASS THIS TELE-
GRAM TO DR. BOURNE AT THE WHITE HOUSE.
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